

THE NEXT TOWN ASSEMBLY OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN
WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY MARCH 27, 1995 AT
THE GILD HALL ARDEN. AT 7:30 PM.

AGENDA

- * ELECTIONS FOR ALL STANDING COMMITTEES
- * SECOND READING BY SAFETY COMMITTEE OF
ORDINANCE 13 "OFF STREET PARKING"
- * REPORTS FROM ALL STANDING COMMITTEES

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JANUARY 23, 1995

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**TOWN ASSEMBLY FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN MONDAY JANUARY 23
1995 AT THE GILD HALL ARDEN AT 7:30 PM.**

Those present were:

Elizabeth Varley	Sadie Somerville	Peter Renzetti	Marianne Cinaglia
Leon Tanzer	Karen Burgess nv	Dawn Riollelli nv	Rae Gerstine
Connee McKinney	Ed Rohrbach	Bill Press	Richard Bloom
Ruth Bean	Shaul Gladstone	Carl Falco	Larry Strange
Yvonne King	A. Barnes King	Maryellen Jobson	Lou Bean
Lew Aumack	Bernie Brachman	Lynne Svenning	Mike Curtis
Ruth Panella	Thomas Colgan	Marjorie Mabrey	Larry Walker
Linda Eaton	Tim Colgan	Jannie Stearns	Irene O'Connor
Gail Rinehart	Rebecca Fisher	Rodney Jester	Judy Butler
Peggy Aumack	Mary Marconi	Paul Thompson	Lynda Kolski
Chris Demsey	Don Holcomb	Rick Rothrock	Mark Taylor
Steven Threefoot	Elaine Schmerling		

Agenda Clarification:

The co-owners of the "Hand in Hand" Day Care Center, Dawn Picollelli and Karen Burgess, now operating in the Buzz Ware Village Center were introduced by Connee McKinney. They explained the operation of their new day care and thanked Connee and Ruth Bean for all their help in making the move in to the Village and hope to meet many of the residents of the Village in the near future.

Town Assembly chairman, Mr. Bill Press asked the Assembly for any ideas and suggestions for the Centennial Celebration in the year 2000. Even though this is a ways off, we would like to gather ideas and the names of residents who would be interested in working on any committees and let the Town Secretary know, hopefully by March Town Meeting. We would like to have a serving committee member from the Archives, Community Planning and the Board of Assessors on this Centennial Committee.

Approval of September Town Minutes - Minutes approved

Note from Town Secretary: Regarding the vote on the alternate proposal that was presented at the September Town Meeting. The vote on the alternative assessment proposal was not a vote for approval or disapproval, it was a vote that would indicate whether the residents believe the proposal was sufficiently sound, fair and generally consistent with our Georgist "Single Tax" legacy and therefore worthy of presentation to the entire voting residency of Arden for a final choice between this formula and that made by the Board of Assessors.

Communications: none

Town Watch Coordinator - Kate Bartolo

New Castle County Police Report for Arden 2/18/94 thru 1/21/95 20 reported incidents - total (which could concern Town Patrols)

No time-of-day was included in this report.

11 criminal mischief/vandalism

8 thefts

1 burglary

1 property damage

REPORTED TO TOWN WATCH

16 total incidents

6 criminal mischief/vandalism

4 thefts

6 property damage

Patrols continued at an average of 3 per week: although they did drop to as few as 2 per week over the holiday period (mid-November-January 7) This reflects an annual scheduling problem for this period. Participation has increased again to bring us back up to 3.

ALERT: The most recent serious assault occurred Sunday, January 15 in Indian field. Out of 10 reported attacks, 5 have taken place in Brandywine Hundred. Please take all reasonable precautions.

My thanks to the Village for including an increase to my salary for the up-coming fiscal year. It is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Kate Bartolo

TRUSTEES REPORT: Shaul Gladstone

1. The new rent list has been prepared, and land rent bills will be mailed shortly for the fiscal year commencing March 25, 1995. Total to be collected is \$297,619. 44.

2. All senior citizens who qualify for the New Castle County tax rebate are urged to file the necessary affidavits with the County Finance Department.

3. The total of bank balances and investments as of 12/31/94 was \$108,954.30.

4. The revised "Expenditures Against Budget" and "Balance Sheet" are part of this report and available for discussion.

5. A mailgram was sent to Fairhope, Alabama, on its 100th anniversary. (see attached copy)

6. A copy of a petition to State and New Castle County officials has been received by us. It is signed by about 75 individuals and requests that the County take action on bringing the fire-ravaged property at 2311 Walnut Lane into compliance with county code. There appears to be differences of opinion on reasons for the apparent delay.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Arden

ADVISORY REPORT: Judy Butler

The Advisory Committee met on January 3, 1995, to discuss the order of the agenda of the up-coming Town Assembly on January 23, 1995.

Issues raised included the proposed amendment and re-wording of Ordinance 13, the feasibility of renovating the old swimming hole on Naaman's Creek, restoration of the Field Theater with new benches, and an update on utilization plans for the BWVC.

Also discussed were the donation of computer software and monitor for use by the Town of Arden. We are awaiting the purchase of a printer to complete the system.

Aaron Hamburger provided a schedule of the three open Assessors Meetings.

The proper format for amending and recording Town Ordinances was reviewed and presented by the chairwomen of the Legislative Reference Committee.

Member of the committee were reminded that nominations for the committee members were due at the January Town Assembly.

A motion was presented for the procedure to be used to replace standing committee members.

MOTION:

All committees will inform the Town Assembly Chairman when a vacancy occurs. The alternate, if agreeable, can serve until an election takes place at the next Town Assembly. Motion approved.

Nominations were then taken from the floor for the standing committees and the election will take place at the March Town Assembly

Report accepted.

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
EXPENDITURES AGAINST BUDGET - 3/25/94 TO 12/31/94
PRESENTED TO TOWN MEETING ON 1/23/95

BUDGET ITEM	BUDGETED AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES F.Y. TO DATE	EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT
COMMITTEES:			
ARCHIVES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,589.99	\$ 500.65
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER	1,325.00(a)	1,526.20	460.70
CIVIC:			
COMMONS & FORESTS	13,000.00	10,666.62	2,446.68
ROADS	16,000.00(b)	13,902.56	9,731.00
SPECIAL CLEAN-UP	2,000.00	1,808.27	0.00
TRASH COLLECTION	33,000.00	25,789.00	12,894.50
COMMUNITY PLANNING	800.00	40.98	0.00
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE	250.00	8.00	0.00
PLAYGROUND	2,900.00	2,900.00	940.81
REGISTRATION	1,950.00	1,545.99	646.39
SAFETY:			
GENERAL	1,160.00	217.88	110.48
TOWN WATCH COORDINATOR	1,800.00	1,350.00	600.00
TRAFFIC LIGHT	600.00	0.00	0.00
WELCOME HITHER	250.00	0.00	0.00
SALARIES:			
ASSEMBLY SECRETARY	4,265.00	3,199.92	1,422.24
ASSEMBLY TREASURER	1,835.00	1,376.30	611.60
OTHER LINE ITEMS:			
CONTINGENCIES			
DONATION:	2,000.00	107.17	107.17
ACRA			
ARDEN LIBRARY	500.00	500.00	0.00
ARDEN PAGE	300.00	300.00	0.00
FIRE COMPANIES	400.00	400.00	0.00
GILD HALL RENTAL	850.00	850.00	0.00
TAXES:	550.00	550.00	0.00
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PROP.			
SCHOOL	51,500.00	49,809.44	49,809.44
TELEPHONE	141,300.00	138,834.64	138,834.64
	175.00	142.14	63.18
ADMINISTRATIVE:			
AUDITING	2,500.00	2,800.00	0.00
INSURANCE	4,800.00(c)	6,091.00	0.00
LEGAL	1,000.00	260.00	0.00
OFFICE RENT	2,100.00	1,575.00	700.00
MISCELLANEOUS	124.00	1,067.55	579.51
PAYROLL TAXES	1,600.00	2,183.99	965.61
SALARY, ADMIN. ASST.	6,360.00	4,770.00	2,120.00
SALARY, SECRETARY	2,016.00	1,512.00	672.00
LESS ACCRUED TAXES	-	(876.57)	(415.06)
TOTAL	\$301,210.00	\$276,904.07	\$223,801.54

(NOTE: PERIOD COVERED IS FROM FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR TO LAST DAY OF THE MONTH PRECEDING THE APPLICABLE TOWN MEETING.)

SIGNED: TRUSTEE Shawn Blatstein, ADMIN. ASS'T. Gas. & Librati

(a) Receipts from B.W.V.C. = \$ 669.75

(b) State rebates for roadwork = \$11,294.20

(c) Insurance rebate = \$ 394.00

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
 RECEIPTS & BANK BALANCES - 3/25/94/ TO 12/31/94
 PRESENTED TO TOWN MEETING ON 1/23/95

BALANCE IN BANK MARCH 25, 1994

\$222,558.95

RECEIPTS:

INTEREST & DIVIDENDS

\$ 7,055.06

LAND RENT:

FISCAL YEARS, PAST

3,739.03

FISCAL YEARS, PRESENT

92,734.35

FISCAL YEARS, FUTURE

500.00

LATE PAYMENT INTEREST

-

POND LANE RENT

274.37

MEMORIAL GARDEN DONATIONS

70.00

MISCELLANEOUS

12,617.27

RIGHTS OF WAY:

CABLE TV

1,132.90

ROADS

5,584.52

SUBTOTAL

123,707.50

INVESTMENTS, REDEEMED

+ 150,000.00

INVESTMENTS, NEW

- 150,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$123,707.50

RECEIPTS + STARTING BANK BALANCE

346,266.45

EXPENDITURES AGAINST BUDGET

- 276,904.07

BALANCE IN BANK AS OF 12/31/94

\$ 69,362.38

INVESTMENT POSITION:

ARDEN BUILDING & LOAN

\$ 40,000.00

BANK INSTRUMENTS

OTHER

TOTAL

\$ 40,000.00

SIGNED: TRUSTEE

Shirley J. Ladd

ADMIN. ASS'T.

Joe F. Lerner

WESTERN UNION FSI
RENO, NEVADA 89302-2375

WESTERN
UNION MAILGRAM



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SHAUL GLADSTONE
2301 HILLSIDE RD
ARDEN DE 19810-4019

THIS IS A CONFIRMATION COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

3024757728 T08N ARDEN DE 21 10-04 0623A EST
9427709991837770-1

FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORP
MR GEORGE GILMORE
106 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
FAIRHOPE AL 36532

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 100TH. AND THANKS FOR THE EXAMPLE, FROM YOUR
94 YEAR OLD KID SISTER. REGRET INABILITY TO ATTEND.

TRUSTEES OF ARDEN DELEWARE
SHAUL GLADSTONE
PAUL RINEHART
MARIANNE CINAGLIA

15067

MMCOMP 13:30 EST

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Peter Renzetti

The Safety presented the first reading of a revision of Ordinance #13 for better clarity. The original Ordinance and the amended version are both attached to these minutes. The second reading will be at the March Town Assembly.
Report accepted

To residents of the Village of Arden.

The following is provided to give the INTENT for the revision of Ordinance #13. The primary issue addressed by Ord. #13 is public safety. The excerpts given below are related sections of other Arden ordinances. The basic safety problem is that the roads are narrow lanes with many designated one-way due to narrowness. Also most properties have hedges, fences, or vegetation along their boundaries.

The other issue addressed by this ordinance involves the perpetuation of "Ardens Natural Beauty" and "Uniqueness." In short, narrow roads that become parking lots are not just a Safety issue, they are just plain un-attractive.

Ordinance #11, Sec. 1.

It shall be the responsibility of each leaseholder to refrain from introducing anything that will interfere with rights of way adjacent to their leasehold. The criteria for maintaining rights of way are that they be kept clear enough to allow pedestrians to step off the road surface to make way for vehicular traffic, to allow two wheels off parking except where such parking is specifically prohibited, and to allow for safe visibility of pedestrians and vehicles. (Adopted Sept. 28, 1992)

Ordinance #1, Sec. 410.1

but in every event, an unobstructed width of the street opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles. In all cases, either both left or both right wheels must be off the road.

(1st. 10-50/2nd. 20-100)

Sec. 410.3

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle ...under the following circumstances: in front of a public or private driveway; walkway; within an intersection; within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; on a crosswalk; within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic; in any road or parking lot while drinking alcoholic beverages; on any road or parking lot for the purpose of loitering; on any village owned green or woodland; on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street; at any place where official signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking.

(1st. 3-25/2nd. 3/25)

Sec. 410.10a

The driver of a vehicle shall not stop, stand, or park such vehicle on any roadway, other than parallel to the curb line of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic on the side of the street upon which it is parked, and with the curb side wheels of the vehicle off the road.

(1st. 10-50/2nd. 20-100)

VILLAGE OF ARDEN ORDINANCE #13

- Section 1. Purpose. Arden has had a policy of encouraging leaseholders to provide off-street parking ON their leaseholds. The ordinance makes this policy a requirement.
- Section 2. Every leaseholder in Arden shall provide parking space on the leasehold and off the roads and rights of way of Arden to accommodate every vehicle regularly used by persons living on the leasehold.
- Section 3. All residents must park ON the leasehold and NOT on the streets or rights of way in Arden.
- Section 4. Habitual overnight parking (three or more times a week) on Arden street rights of way is prohibited.
- Section 5. The Community Planning Committee shall administer this ordinance and shall, along with members of the Safety Committee, issue up to three warnings to violators of this ordinance prior to notice of prosecution.
- Section 6. The Community Planning Committee may grant an exemption from the requirement of this ordinance to any leaseholder the committee determines is unable to comply because of lack of land or road frontage. Such exemption shall be in the form of a written statement to be filed with the Secretary of the Town Assembly and the Secretary of the Trustees.
- Section 7. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$100, due within fifteen days from notice of prosecution.
- Section 8. Appeals to this ordinance should be made prior to the third notice of violation. Appeals to this ordinance after the third notice of violation will not waive the imposition of fines and costs.

This ordinance Revised and Adopted by the Town Assembly

mo. _____, day. _____, year. _____

_____, Secretary of the Town Assembly of
the Village of Arden.

VILLAGE OF ARDEN ORDINANCE #13

Adopted by the Town Assembly, June 28, 1982

- Section 1. Purpose. Arden has had a policy of encouraging leaseholders to provide off-street parking on their leaseholds. The ordinance makes this policy a requirement three years after adoption.
- Section 2. Every leaseholder in Arden shall provide parking space on the leasehold and off the roads of Arden to accommodate every vehicle regularly used by persons living on the leasehold.
- Section 3. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.
- Section 4. Community Planning Committee shall administer this ordinance and shall issue warning to violators at least 30 days before prosecuting them in the courts of Delaware.
- Section 5. The Community Planning Committee may grant an exemption from the requirement of this ordinance to any leaseholder the committee determines is unable to comply because of lack of land or road frontage. Such exemptions shall be in the form of a written statement to be filed with the secretary of the Town Assembly and the Secretary of the Trustees.
- Section 6. This ordinance shall be effective three years after adoption.

The following amendments were adopted by the Town Assembly on January 26, 1985.

- Amendment 1. All residents must park on their leaseholds and not on the streets of Arden.
- Amendment 2. Continual overnight parking on Arden street rights-of-way is prohibited.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Ordinance #13 adopted by the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden on June 28, 1982 and amended on January 28, 1985.

Witness my hand and seal of the Village of Arden this 30th day of January, 1985.

Sarah S. Hamburger
 Sarah S. Hamburger, Secretary of
 the Town Assembly of the Village
 of Arden.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT: Rebecca Fisher for Sally Hamburger

We are working with Arden Club on the project of restoring the paintings of Frank Stephens & Will Price. Two estimates have been received, a third is expected. The exciting news is that this will happen and the Arden Club has assumed responsibility for its execution.

We are consulting with the Civic Committee on the design for new benches for the Field Theater.

We now subscribe to Communities magazine. The latest edition features an interesting article on Arden by Joyce Downing Foote - a few copies of the Article are available here tonight, articles may also be obtained at the Archives. This thoughtful essay on the meaning of a long-term intentional community is especially interesting if you realize that it is written by the same person who 20 years ago stated, at the conclusion of the "The Experimental Village" that Arden was a dead community and she must go out and found a new, more vital community (she and Robert did that too.) People who grow wiser as they grow older are a wonder to be treasured.

After a holiday hiatus, the Arden Archives will resume its Sunday schedule - it will be open from 2-4 PM each week. We are eager to acquire a sign or banner to hang out when the museum is open. Is anyone interested in helping with that project?

Report accepted

AUDIT - no report

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Larry Walker

The Budget Committee will finalize its Three Year Budget Projections Report to the Town. This an effort by the Budget Committee to look at longer range fiscal needs of the Town Committees, as well as projected School District and County Tax levies. The report will be made at the March Town Meeting.

Report accepted

CIVIC COMMITTEE: Lou Bean

All of the major projects planned for the fiscal year 1994-95 by the Civic Committee have been completed. We have repaired much of the damage to pavement caused by last year's severe winter. Two projects: raising of the curbstones on Cherry Lane and repairs to the junction of Millers Road and Walnut Lane were mostly funded by DOT grants. They were a big help and the reason why we are under budget now.

Other jobs were Lower Lane drainage and the speed humps near the school and Sherwood Road.

There were complaints about the Field Theater benches. After inspection we agree that they are worse than expected and need action right away. Here in the Gild Hall we have an example of what we have in mind to install. It was designed and put together by Rodney Jester and Elliot Levin. We had an open meeting on January 11 to discuss what we had in mind and to receive comments. About 15 people attended. I never attended and Arden Meeting with so much agreement! Everyone liked the prototype. Our budget will permit us to buy the materials this fiscal year and finish it early in the new year. We expect much of the labor to be volunteer. So those of you with skills major or minor and who are willing to help, get in touch with Elliot who will run the job.

Report accepted.

Buzz Ware Village Center Committee Report for January 23, 1995 Arden Town Meeting

Our committee will report tonight on programming, rental updates, building maintenance and improvements, and future directions.

Programming

The yoga group meets every Monday. Call Naomi Clark (-2608) for information.

On Friday, October 14, the Arden teenagers hosted a Drop In Night with music and refreshments and on Saturday evening, October 29, they hosted a Halloween Party from 9-11 p.m. Our committee is very interested in encouraging the teenagers to continue get-togethers at the BWVC. Please call Debbie Styles at 475-7558 for more information or to volunteer to help out. Activities we would like help in organizing are Friday movie nights or a basketball tournament—apparently cold weather is not a deterrent for this activity.

On Saturday, October 22, Elizabeth Varley Walker was our first leader of very enthusiastic new play reading group. The play she selected was "She Stoops to Conquer". The next reading was of "Twelfth Night" on Saturday, November 19 and was headed by Ardentown's Betty Solway Smith. On January 14, Joe Ryan from Ardencroft selected Moliere's "The Misanthrope." On February 18, the group will be reading Edgar Lee Master's "The Spoon River Anthology" and will be lead by Cecilia Vore. This is a warm-up reading for the new "Do-It-Yourself Theater" (no rehearsals or auditions) company which will perform on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7:15 at the Gild Hall. Our thanks to the play group leaders for their excellent work in making this such an enjoyable evening for the adults—and children—who attend. Please call Ruth Bean if you would like to select a play—tentative date Saturday, March 18.

On Saturday, October 8, Lew Aumack organized a Jewelry-Making Workshop and on Sunday, November 6, Ruth Bean held a Weed Creatures Workshop for school age children and adults. Thank you to Lew and Ruth for organizing those events. We would like to have greater participation from the community at these craft events. Lew offers an extensive selection of materials such as jasper and malachite to use for necklaces. The results are beautiful even for amateur jewelry-makers and make a lovely gift.

On Saturday, January 21, we co-sponsored with ACRA a Red Cross Baby-sitting Course. About 12 girls and boys attended the all-day session with demonstrations and a videotape. Next week on January 28 is Session 2 which will include instructions on diapering. I understand there is a surprise in store at this session. Thanks to Cecilia Vore and ACRA for organizing this event.

On Saturday February 11 at 7:15 p.m., our committee is sponsoring our first "Movie Night", please call Mark Taylor (475-1745) for more information. Film to be announced.

On Sunday, February 12, we are holding our 6th Annual Valentine Making Session. This is always a popular event for children and adults. Join us for a very relaxing morning and create a lovely card for a family member or friend. Ruth Bean will provide the glitter, paper and ribbon and usually a wonderful heart-shaped cake to keep us working hard.

On Sunday, March 19 from 1-3 p.m., we will make cookies and notepaper for the 8th Annual Sunshine Sale which will be held on the following Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.. Homemade soup and sandwiches will be available from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds go to the non-profit Sunshine Foundation which provides dream trips for terminally ill children. This year new Ardentown resident Liz Resko (475-2927) will be helping Barbara Fenske (475-7469) organize this event. Please call them if you have any questions or would like to donate your white elephants to the sale—jewelry and household items sell well. Remember you set the price on any item that you would like to buy.

Building finances, maintenance, improvements, custodial

Our current balance is about \$10,000 in our maintenance account.

Hand-in-Hand Daycare (Rooms 1 & 2) is currently renting that space for \$1200/month (\$14,500 annually), year round, all day. We have received 3 monthly payments (November,

December, and January) @\$1200/month. The final licensing inspection for Hand-in-hand Daycare was on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1995 and they did receive a provisional license. Even when all of the licensing requirements have been met, the granting of a provisional license is standard for the first year of operation. They can now also begin advertising the daycare. We welcome Dawn Piccollelli and Karen Burgess as the new owners and wish them well. Most of the inquiries from Arden residents thus far have been for 1/2 day, 2-3 days per week. The Hand-in-Hand phone number is 475-9385.

We have had many minor construction projects to make the BWVC ready for daycare licensing. Almost all are now completed.

The latest development—parts of the building tested positive for lead paint (windows in both bathrooms, window well in front two rooms, door frame in room 1, and 2 cabinets). We had all of the cited areas in the interior covered with a government approved sealant, the 2nd coat of paint will go on the window well in the spring when the temperature is warmer and the sealant can adhere properly. Also Licensing required self-closing hinges on the hallway doors of 1 & 2 and they have now been installed.

We did not have to remove the folding divider and install a fire wall to meet licensing requirements—that was a possibility about 2 months ago. To meet a Zoning Department requirement, we now have a handicapped parking space. Thank you to the Civic Committee for stenciling the symbol and lines for us. The building has now passed the current state fire code for a public building and for a daycare.

Summary of construction expenses to date (rounded off)

Cabinets top and bottom, rooms 1 & 2	\$1000
2 sinks and plumbing for rooms 1 & 2	875
Painting materials room 1 & 2	120
Panic bar on backdoor	670
Blacktop resurfacing	1700
Fencing, no swing set	1600
Landscaping to date, final work in spring	350
Electrical inspection repairs	800
Additional electrical wiring	475
Fire alarm pre-inspection	175
New fire/security system, final installation	1250
	\$9015

Hand-in-hand Daycare purchased new countertops, installed all of the cabinets, created the island counter, purchased and installed a new dishwasher, and painted both rooms.

Stop by and take a look at rooms 1 & 2. We think that they look great. Please remember that those rooms are still available to residents on evenings or week-ends for town events or small rentals such as a wedding shower or party. The kitchen area in room 1 has a new dishwasher and a large refrigerator and lots of additional counter space. To meet Hand-in-Hand's rental requirement, by this summer, we will have air-conditioned both rooms as well.

Brandywine YMCA School's Out (Room 3) has been renting for the 94-95 school year from 3-6 p.m. for an afterschool program (20 children maximum, currently enrolled 5) run by the Brandywine YMCA. The phone number is 475-2745. Rental income for 3 hrs/day is \$200/10 months or \$2000 annually. The YMCA's School's Out administrator, John Williams, is interested in continuing this program at the BWVC. We will probably be coming to the June Town Assembly to ask for your approval of a September 95-June 96 lease for that program.

Our custodian, Robert L. Johnson, is almost completed his special clean-up at the BWVC—washed down cabinets, cleaned the refrigerator, shampooed carpets, etc. We have been very pleased with the quality of his work and his conscientiousness.

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Future directions

After this year's ACRA Summer Program is completed and our committee has reviewed their comments and has had time to discuss problems that might have come up, we will be coming to the September Town Assembly to offer our recommendations. We are currently working on a draft of a lease agreement and we are very much interested in any feedback from the residents on items that they think the lease should address. The ideal time to voice your concerns is during this trial period. Let us know what you think.

We have asked Ed Rohrbach to look at the BWVC and give us architectural sketches of possible improvements to the interior, exterior and landscaping. We are particularly interested in making the center work for the ACRA program and have the building in good shape for the Arden Centennial in 2000. The money for this consultation was approved in the 95-96 town budget. We hope that when the Arden Centennial Committee convenes we can work closely with them on any recommendations to the Town Assembly.

Current use

Since the September Town Meeting, there have been 25 committee meetings, 9 community events, and 17 classes held at the BWVC. Please call Ruth Bean ahead of time to schedule your meeting or event. Please note that the BWVC phone number is 475-2818 and the phones available for town use are in the hallway and in room 4.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, Connee McKinney, Chairperson

Report Accepted

ARDEN COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 1995 REPORT TO TOWN ASSEMBLY

Two additional separate reports are being presented by Ruth Bean on the Memorial Garden and by Marianne Cinaglia on a motion of support for the CCOBH (Council of Civic Organization of Brandywine Hundred.

The Planning Committee reports that after inspecting the dam at the Old Pool Site with representatives of the Delaware Nature Society in November and receiving their letter denying endorsement of the projected development of an ice skating pond, we agree that we should not proceed with the project.

DNREC was contacted to find out if we needed permission to deconstruct the dam. Their answer was no, as long as we stay out of the water. Consequently we plan to schedule summer work days to remove the weakened walkway and railing and any boulders that are willing to be pried out of the existing dam by crowbar, pickax and muscle power. We also will try to find ground cover that maintains itself without mowing to replace the wild rose, poison ivy and other weeds that now possess the mud of the meadow.

We have supported planning for the Centennial and forwarded ideas to the Assembly President to consider:

- restore the Pump House as a school bus stop;
- restore the Old Pool site as a picnic, camping area;
- develop standard signage for Arden buildings;
- develop audio cassette Arden tours, for sale or rental (at Archives?)
- develop & label plants for nature walks around Arden
- ready a centrally located, daily operating Arden Information office;
- schedule weekend Arden history seminars in Archives space at BWVC
- have the 1975 map revised and reprinted;
- reprint the Arden book for sales;
- train costumed guides for weekends and holiday tours;
- develop summer long theater (Shakespeare of course) & musical events;
- showcase Arden artists and artisans (in the Info center or Gild Hall?)
- encourage the Folk Gild to demonstrate Morris and May-pole dances.
- create an Arden Play or two, one for families, one bawdy; for summer long performance & afterwards, (or before);
- revise *The Arden Book*;
- write and publish an *Arden Personal History* from the taped oral histories done in '75 and from current residents with long memories;
- look into getting grant \$ for ACRA or the Arden Club (organizations with 501-k status) to pay artists, writers and other technical workers;
- consider the impact of Centennial visitor parking on our current space and plan now for expansion.

Nominations for 1995-97 terms are

- Don Holcomb
- Marjorie Mabrey
- Leon Tanzer
- Beverly Barnett
- Ruth Panella
- someone from the floor.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Ruth Bean

The site plan of the Memorial Garden has been completed by Ed Rohrbach. minor changes needed to be made, he has informed us that changes and additions can be made easily at minimal cost.

Elizabeth Varley will now complete her role as planner to suggest any additions or removals or changes to the shrubs and trees. We hope to make it an even more attractive "mini Arboretum".

The Annual Woods Clean-up has been scheduled for April 8th by the Community Planning Committee and the Memorial Garden Clean up will be announced.

We are hoping to have the names of burial sites and the known next of kin entered into a computer data bas and address label program in time to send notices about the clean-up.

I would also like again to remind everyone that the Memorial Garden rules have always limited graveside decorations to natural plants and flowers. Artificial displays will be removed

Arden Books:

We have sold almost \$800 worth of Arden Books since it was printed in Spring of 1992..

We will want to update it in time for the centennial, but in the meantime I still have several hundred copies in hand for distribution to new resident and for sale at \$6 each.

Report accepted.

Marianne Cinaglia, presented a letter to Representative Wayne Smith, regarding the use of county and/or local funds to match state funds in the ration of three state dollars to one county/local dollar and requested that Representative Wayne Smith lend his support to State Representative David Ennis, County Councilmen Richard Cecil and Joseph Miro and representatives of city organizations in pursuing the means to insure the permanent retention of Rock Manor as well as some of the adjacent, presently undeveloped land as public lands. The Town Secretary will send the letters from the Village of Arden.

A motion was made as follows:

MOTION:

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Motion approved.

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It is likely to be several weeks before the court decides the case.

— Tom Curley

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January 24, 1995

Representative Wayne A. Smith
3 Richards Drive
Wilmington, DE 19810

Dear Representative Smith,

The News Journal issues of December 8, 1994 and January 19, 1995 contained articles addressing potential plans for county or local park district ownership of the Rock Manor Golf Course and at least a portion of the adjacent tract known as the Blue Ball property. These plans address a number of issues of great importance to the preservation of an acceptable quality of life for the citizens of Brandywine Hundred.

The issues are: 1. Providing the surrounding area with a water-retention basin to alleviate flooding in Matson Run and Shellpot Creek. 2. Preserving existing and providing additional recreation at the Rock Manor site. 3. Cooperating with the State's program to preserve open space. 4. Assisting the City of Wilmington to overcome its present financial difficulties. An economically healthy city not only benefits its residents but also the surrounding areas from which it draws workers and visitors.

I support the use of county and/or local funds to match state funds in the ratio of three state dollars to one county/local dollar and request that you lend your support to State Representative David Ennis, County Councilmen Richard Cecil and Joseph Miro and representatives of city organizations in pursuing the means to insure the permanent retention of Rock Manor as well as some of the adjacent, presently undeveloped land as public lands.

Yours truly,

The Town Assembly Chairman and the Advisory Chairperson will initiate a voucher to this effect.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Yvonne King

The Committee has nothing new for its reports tonight and will give the names of the nominees for new committee members to be placed on the ballot.

Report accepted.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE REPORT: Richard Bloom

The Playground budget has been spent so no new projects will be undertaken until the new fiscal period.

Three committee members, Beth Stevenson, Mary Vernon and Larry Walker, have expiring terms of office. They have diligently inspected and safety-tested equipment, used their energy loosening compacted mulch areas during our Saturday meeting, and overseen the current and future projects. All three members have agreed to run for office again this year

The projects completed by the committee this year were as follows:

1. Fulfilled the mandate to restore the basketball court at the Buzz Ware Village Center.
2. Painted or refurbished all active playground equipment including the tunnels.
3. Diligently safety inspected and repaired all deficiencies discovered during inspections.
 - a. 6 Swing seats and chains replaced.
 - b. 1 Swing completely replaced from the pendulums and bushings to the chains and seat.
 - c. Repaired by replacement, the retaining bolts on the horses at the lower green.
 - d. Replaced broken seat boards on two benches.
 - e. Repaired other minor safety hazards observed.

Report accepted.

REGISTRATION REPORT: Elizabeth Varley

As of January 22, 1995 there are 391 registered voters of Arden.

Through the generosity of two residents of Arden, Larry Stange and Bill Busch, the town now has a computer, software and a monitor. It is located at the home of the Town Secretary, Irene O'Connor, but available for use by any committee. Mr. Busch is looking for a used laser printer donated by other residents with compatible programs.

Report accepted.

ASSESSORS: Carl Falco for Aaron Hamburger

The Assessors urge all residents to attend the public hearings during the coming year.

Old Business: Pete Renzetti will have the model of remodeling to the Moonlight Theater by the March Town Meeting.

New Business: Town Assembly Chairman requested the Town Secretary write a thank-you note to Brian Barbehenn for the set-ups of the Sound Systems used at Town Meeting.

Good and Welfare: Mike Curtis reminded residents of the Henry George Classes at the BWVC.

Adjournment:

The Town Meeting was then adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

Irene O'Connor

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Town Assembly Secretary for the Village of Arden